



HONORING HOOSIER VETERANS

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Governor Establishes Military Family Relief Fund

Governor Mitch Daniels recently signed into law Senate Enrolled Act 75, which provides grants for families of Hoosier members of the Indiana National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves who have been called to active duty since September 11, 2001.

"We are a state of patriots and we should do everything we can to assist and thank these men and women who have given so much for our benefit," said Daniels.

A portion of the money for the Military Family Relief Fund will be raised through the sale of a new Hoosier veteran license plate.

GOVERNOR DANIELS CREATES SEAMLESS TRANSITION PROGRAM

Governor Mitch Daniels signed a Memorandum of Understanding establishing the Hoosier Veterans Seamless Transition Program (HVSTP) on March 17, 2006.

The program is designed to assist Active Reserve Forces, including the Indiana National Guard and Reserves, with the transition to civilian life upon returning from active duty overseas.

HVSTP is a partnership between the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Joint Forces Headquarters, U.S. Department of Labor, Indiana Workforce Development, and the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation, as well as other state veterans' service providers.

GOVERNOR DANIELS HONORS HOOSIER HEROES IN SOUTH KOREA

While on his second trade mission to Asia, Governor Mitch Daniels made a stop in South Korea to honor heroes past and present.

"The Korean War is often referred to as the forgotten war," said Daniels. "On this, the 56th Anniversary of the North's invasion of the South, it seemed fitting to honor those who gave their lives in support of freedom and show our appreciation to those who continue protecting us today."

Daniels took a one-hour bus ride from Seoul to the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ). He received a briefing from United Nations Commanders about the ongoing mission to protect South Korea. He then ate lunch with Hoosier troops and passed along Indiana's best wishes.

Following the Governor's visit to the DMZ, he returned to Seoul where he visited the National Korean War Memorial and struck the National Drum of Peace three times in a call for peace in the world.



Governor Mitch Daniels placed flowers at the National Korean War Memorial and observed a moment of silence in front of the plaque bearing the names of 887 Hoosiers who gave their lives during the Korean War.

Indiana Veteran Memorial Cemetery Open to All

The Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs Commission voted in February to allow any veteran to be buried in the Indiana Veteran Memorial Cemetery at Madison, Indiana, regardless of their state of residence.

The IDVA Commission also voted to discontinue charging burial fees at the IVMC to out-of-state veterans.

First Full Time Women Veterans Coordinator Appointed by IDVA

Kristin Bertrand was appointed by Tom Applegate, Director of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs, as the first full-time Women Veterans Coordinator. She began her duties on May 15, 2006.

Bertrand was a coordinator for the Disabled Veteran Outreach Program for WorkOne before she received the appointment to IDVA.

Lt. Governor Skillman Speaks at the Annual American Legion Convention

Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman recently addressed a crowd of approximately 1,000 people at the Annual American Legion Convention on July 7, 2006.

Skillman spoke on the Administration's accomplishments in support of the ser-

vice men and women who risk their lives in the name of freedom.

"It is my fervent desire for Indiana to be a place where Military families feel safe and respected," said Skillman. "We are working to make our state a place where you can

not only find appreciation and support for your service to our country but also a place where you can find opportunities, good jobs, good schools and good communities."

Click [here](#) to read her speech in its entirety.